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1. During the year 1948 goods totaling 106,408,144 Kcs. in value which had been exported by Czechoslovakia were returned by the countries to which they had been shipped. This amount was more than one-fourth percent of all Czech exports. Imported goods to the value of 2,128,342 Kcs., or .006 percent of all Czechoslovak imports, were returned to the countries of origin.
2. Exports returned included: textiles, about 25,000,000 Kcs.; glassware, about 17,000,000 Kcs.; artificial honey, about 15,500,000 Kcs.; ready-made clothes, 10,500,000 Kcs.; and leather goods, about 7,000,000 Kcs. These groups comprise about three-fourths of all goods returned. Imports returned to the countries of origin consisted mainly of iron and metal and rubber goods.
3. England returned a higher percent of Czech exported goods than did any other country: 1.63 percent. Italy returned 1.60 percent, Belgium 0.96 percent, Switzerland 0.88 percent, and the USA 0.47 percent.
4. Exports returned during 1948 (breakdown according to goods):

Artificial Honey	15,620,466 Kcs.
Cotton Goods	5,755,998
Linen Goods	2,340,823
Woollen Goods	5,155,849
Silk Goods	11,520,131
Ready-made Clothing	10,498,648
Imitation Leather	2,709,580
Fur Goods	6,805,818
Wooden Articles	2,596,679
Glassware	17,224,041
Porcelain and Earthenware	1,214,941
Iron Ware	5,174,008
Small Metal Goods	3,543,150
Machinery and Parts	3,741,151
Electrical Apparatus	4,846,582
Vehicles	1,021,195

Total

106,408,144 Kcs.

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5. Exports returned during 1948 (breakdown by countries):

Belgium	7,745,202 Kcs.
Great Britain	22,165,769
Italy	18,650,974
Germany (Russian Zone)	50,000
Germany (British and American Zones)	3,753,396
Holland	6,986,617
Rumania	2,161,338
Sweden	7,320,655
Switzerland	15,774,875
India	1,161,036
USA	<u>5,545,872</u>

Total	106,403,144 Kcs.
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6. The State Statistical Office has not determined the reasons for the return of all these goods. In a majority of cases the reasons given were breakage or the failure of the goods to correspond to the original samples.

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